(e) what steps Government are taking to help such people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir. Public Sector Banks provide finance to small road transport operators for plying trucks, matadors and taxis etc. Advances to such operators owning not more than six vehicles (including the one proposed to be financed) are included under priority sector.

(b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that a margin of 15 to 25 percent, depending upon the amount and purpose of loan has been prescribed for such advances. wherever a subsidy/margin money is available and is not less than 15 per cent of loan amount, no further margin money should be stipulated. The loan has to be secured by hypothecation of the vehicle acquired out of the loan.

(c) to (e) Reserve Bank of India has further reported that the person who do not have any immovable property in their names can also avail of loans for vehicle. However, whenever specific complaints are received by Reserve Bank of India/Government, these are taken up with the concerned banks for remedial corrective measures.

Foreign Exchange Reserve

1994. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of foreign exchange reserves during the months of November, 1986, December, 1986, January, 1987 and so far in February, 1987; and

(b) what are the reasons for the decline in foreign exchange reserves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The foreign exchange reserves (excluding Gold and Special Drawing Rights) as at the end of November and December, 1986 and January and February, 1987 were as indicated below:

(In Rs. Crores)

Date	Amount
29-11-1986	6823.13
31-12-1986	7095.54
31-1-1987	7059.37
28.2.1987	6964.48

(b) The detailed Balance of Paybents data, with the details of individual factors affecting movements in foreign exchange assets during this period, are not yet available.

FERA cases registered

1995. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of FERA cases registered in the country during the year 1986 and so far in 1987; and

(b) the number of convictions secured during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) During the period, 1.1.1986 to 31.1.87, the Directorate of Enforcement (FERA) registered 11145 enquiries for violation of the various provisions of the Act and secured convictions of 409 persons by the courts.